

REMARKS

In order to better and more clearly claim the present invention, Applicant is canceling Claim 1 without prejudice or disclaimer and amending Claims 2 - 11, 13, and 15 - 17. In particular, Applicant is amending these claims to make it clear and understood that there is a difference between one frame and one frame period, and between a subframe and a subframe period. Specifically, “one frame” means display of one frame; “subframe” means display of a subframe, which is produced by dividing the display of one frame; “one frame period” means a time necessary for displaying one frame; and “subframe period” means a time necessary for displaying a subframe, which is produced by dividing one frame period. These definitions are supported by, for example, pages 6 and 7 in the specification of the present application as filed.

Applicant will now address each of the Examiner’s rejections in the order in which they appear in the Final Rejection.

Claim Rejections - 35 USC §102

In the Final Rejection, the Examiner rejects Claims 1-3, 10 and 11 under 35 USC §102(b) as being anticipated by Hirai et al. (US 5,953,002). This rejection is respectfully traversed.

More specifically, independent Claims 2, 3, 10 and 11 recite that the supplied voltages (e.g. first voltage, second voltage in Claims 2 and 11) in adjacent subframe periods (e.g. first subframe period, second subframe period in Claims 2 and 11) are different from each other throughout displaying one frame. Hence, in the claimed

invention, the same voltages cannot be applied in adjacent subframes periods throughout displaying the one frame.

In contrast, in Hirai, it appears that same voltages are supplied in adjacent subframe periods throughout displaying one frame. See e.g. Column waveforms shown in Figs. 1 and 2 in Hirai.

Therefore, it is respectfully submitted that independent Claims 2, 3, 10 and 11, and those claims dependent thereon, are not disclosed or suggested by Hirai and are patentable thereover. Accordingly, it is respectfully requested that this rejection be withdrawn.

Claim Rejections - 35 USC §103

The Examiner also rejects Claims 4-9 and 13-18 under 35 USC §103 as being unpatentable over Hirai et al. in view of Katakura et al. (US 6,057,824). This rejection is also respectfully traversed.

For at least the reasons discussed above for the independent claims, these dependent claims are also not disclosed or suggested by the cited references. Accordingly, it is respectfully requested that this rejection be withdrawn.

Conclusion

Accordingly, it is respectfully submitted that the present application is in a condition for allowance and should be allowed.

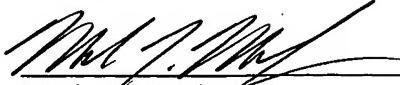
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Favorable reconsideration is earnestly solicited.

Respectfully submitted,

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